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August Fruit Report

HARRISBURG, PA, Aug 12, 2010 - - The following forecasts are made based upon conditions on August 1, 2010:

Apples: Pennsylvania's production is forecast at 488 million pounds, down 4 percent from last year's crop and up 11 percent from 2008. Numerous producers reported frost damage, while others were affected by hail. The first U.S. forecast of the 2010 season is 9.48 billion pounds, down 4 percent from last year and 2 percent lower than the 2008 crop. Poor weather conditions for apple production were reported by growers in the apple estimating States.

Grapes: Pennsylvania's production forecast is 80,000 tons, up 25 percent from last year and down 25 percent from 2008. The crop is about two weeks ahead of schedule. There has been some mildew and disease pressure is light to moderate. U.S. grape production is forecast at 7.09 million tons, down 3 percent from 2009 and 3 percent below 2008.

Peaches: Pennsylvania peach producers expect to harvest 21,700 tons of peaches from their orchards in 2010, down 22 percent from 2009. This estimate is down 200 tons from the July 1 forecast. Mixed reviews are being seen, with peach harvest underway. The U.S. peach production forecast is 1.13 million tons, down less than 1 percent from the July 1 forecast but 2 percent above 2009.

Pears: The Pennsylvania crop is forecast at 2,800 tons, down 52 percent from 2009 and up 17 percent from the 2008 crop. Most producers reported pollination problems and a late spring freeze. U.S. pear production is forecast at 854,800 tons, down 11 percent from last year and 2 percent below 2008.

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